

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date:

5/20/2010

Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: Appointment of Judge MaryAnne Majestic as Presiding Judge of Tempe Municipal Court.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20100520caef01 COURT ADMINISTRATION (0501-02)

COMMENTS: Judge Majestic was first appointed as City Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court for a two-year term in 1994. She was subsequently reappointed in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

PREPARED BY: Andrew Ching, City Attorney, 480-350-8575

REVIEWED BY: Judicial Advisory Board

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Andrew Ching, City Attorney, 480-350-8575

DEPARTMENT REVIEW BY: Mark Stodola, Court Manager, 480-350-8457

FISCAL NOTE: See Contract.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and Council appoint Judge MaryAnne Majestic as Presiding Judge for a two (2) year term beginning June 30, 2010.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Judicial Advisory Board was responsible for the recruitment and interview process for the position of Presiding Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court. The Council appointed Board members are:

Jennifer Willmott, Esq.-Chairperson
Public Member

Honorable Mark Aceto
Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court

Michael Mason, Esq.
State Bar of Arizona member

Genny Gausted
Public Member

James Sampanes, Esq.
State Bar of Arizona Member

Louraine Arkfeld, Presiding Judge
Ex Officio member

The Judicial Advisory Board had oversight of the recruitment and interview process for the position of Presiding Judge. The Board screened candidate applications, conducted reference checks and conducted interviews with those candidates that best met the qualifications of the position. The Judicial Advisory Board came to unanimous consensus in recommending to Mayor and Council that Judge Majestic be appointed as Presiding Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court for an initial two (2) year term.

